



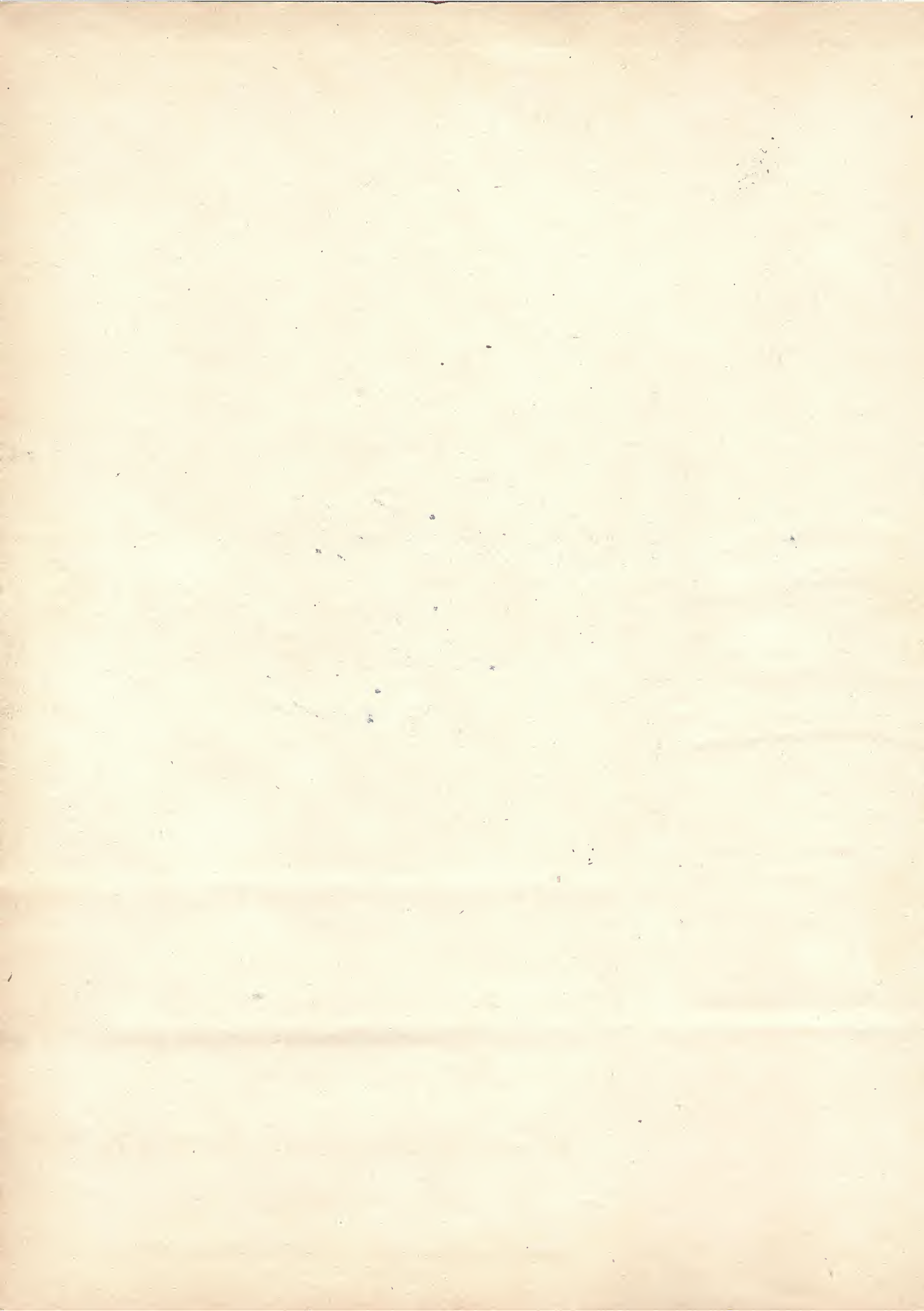
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ARMSTRONG HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF '43

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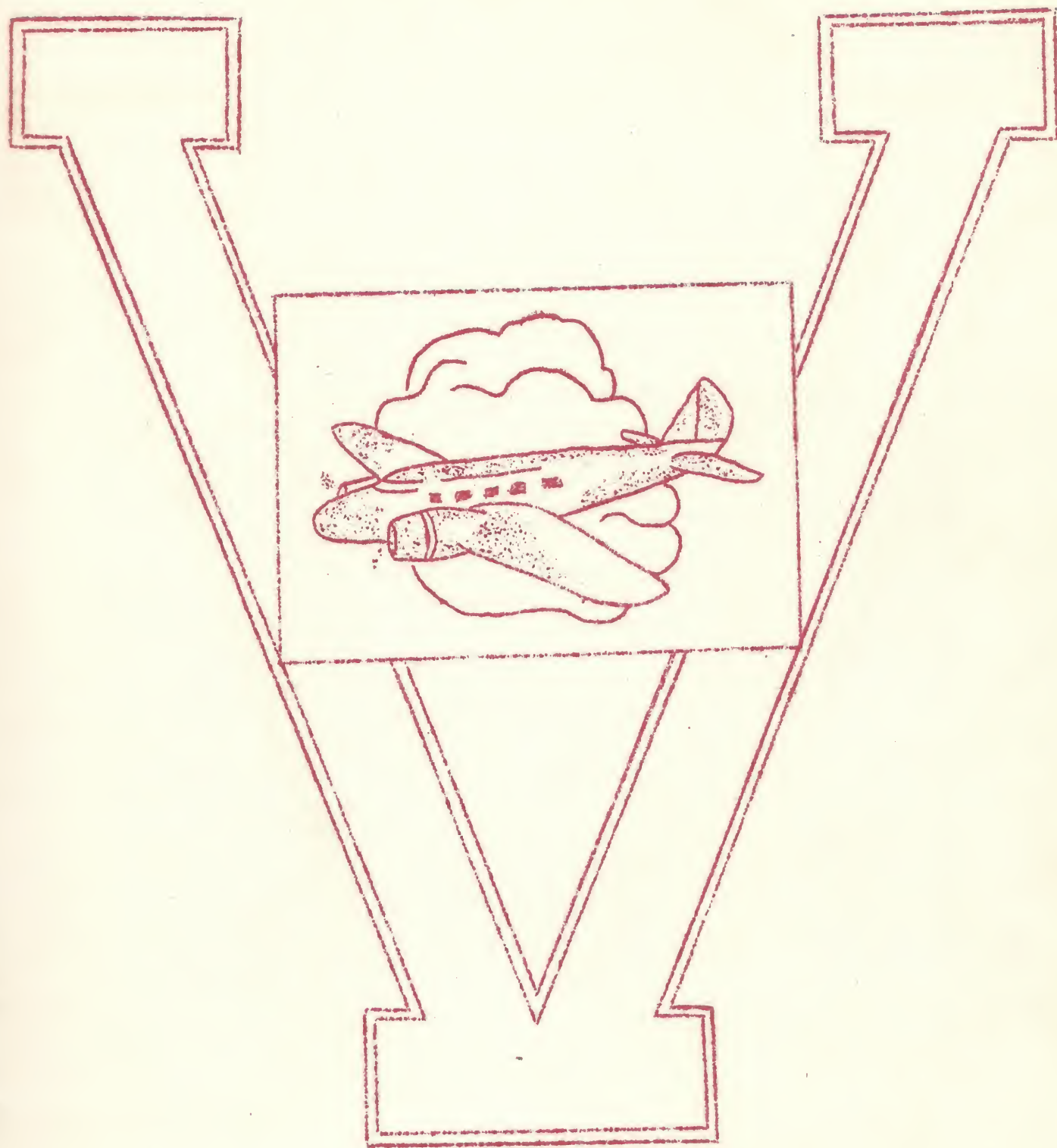


AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
NEW YORK

FORWARD

The Seniors present
the march of 1942-43

The conflict at Guadacanal--Students
enroll in wartime school--Freshmen
Wiener roast--The African invasion--
Armstrong victorious with aged
jealousy--Russian winter offensive
launched--Freshmen and Sopho-
more Christmas party--Inter-
national conference at Casa-
blanca--A.T.H.S. wins War
Stamp and Bond Drive
against Potomac--Ration-
ing for victory--Senior
Carnival a great suc-
cess--A.T.H.S. vic-
torious in Speech
Contest---Madame
Chiang Kai Chek
visits U.S.--
The Operetta--
New flags at
school--The
Banquet--
Commence-
ment--
OUR
ANN-
UAL



ADMINISTRATION



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FAREWELL

Mr. Zimmerman, who began his Agriculture teaching at Armstrong in the fall of 1940, has left to join Uncle Sam's forces. His going is a loss deeply felt by the students and faculty, who always remember his ready smile and helping hand.

During his two years and three months at AHS Mr. Zimmerman acted as advisor to the FFA, seeing the boys through green-hand initiations. He accompanied the Ag. boys on judging trips and took in the fairs with the boys and their projects.

He was advisor to the Sophomore class, and last year, in addition to his regular duties, he was assistant bus driver.

When the war is over and Mr. Zimmerman comes home, we hope that he will return to Armstrong and continue the successful career he began. There will be new students, but we are sure that they will find Mr. Zimmerman a friend as well as a teacher.

FACULTY

Louise Ann Parker

Taught American History
Modern History, English
III, and IV.

Attended James Millikin
University and the Uni-
versity of Illinois.

Home: Maroa, Illinois

Margaret Boyle

Stenographer, Graduate
of Armstrong High School
Home: Armstrong, Ill.

Gifford Zimmerman

Taught Agriculture I, II,
and III. Attended the
University of Illinois.
Home: Mt. Carmel, Ill.

A. F. Laurence, Principal

Taught General Science,
Biology, and Chemistry.
Attended Augustana Col-
lege and the University
of Illinois.

Home: Armstrong, Ill.

Homer Maxey, Coach

Taught Algebra and Geome-
try. Attended Illinois
Wesleyan University and
University of Illinois.
Home: Armstrong, Ill.

Mildred Hemp

Taught Home Economics, I
II, and III, and English
III. Attended University
of Illinois.

Home: Illiopolis, Ill.

Inez Gouty

Taught Shorthand, Typing
I and II, Economic Geog-
raphy, and General Busi-
ness. Attended C. N. C.
Danville, Indiana; De-
Pauw University, and
Gregg School.

Home: Covington, Ind.

Evelyn Lindgren

Taught Music and Girls
Physical Education. At-
tended Coe College, Illi-
nois State Normal Uni-
versity, the University
of Illinois and Indiana
State Teachers College.
Home: Terre Haute, Ind.

Margaret Watkins

Taught English I, II,
Latin II, Spanish I,
and Librarian. Attended
James Millikin University
University of Michigan,
the Sorbonne, Paris,
France, University of Illi-
nois, and Illinois State
Normal University.

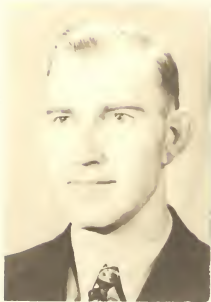
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BOARD

First Row: Mr. Lester Burd, Mr. Charles Gilbert, Mr. Ross Don-
aldson. Second Row: Mr. Arthur Gustafson, Mr. Earl Bass Mr.,
Purdy Selsor, Mr. Harry Ludwig.



Inez Gouty



Margaret B. Watkins





SENIORS

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If you have built castles in the air,
Your work need not be lost;
That is where they should be.
Now put the foundations under them!

--Henry David Thoreau
Walden.

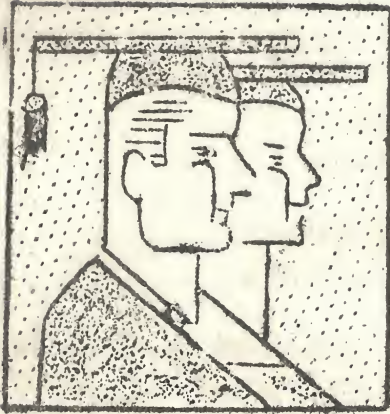
In the fall of 1939, thirty-nine Freshmen entered A.T.H.S. to begin their four years struggle. At their first meeting they elected as officers: President, Clark Morris; Vice-President, Betty Blackford; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles Acton; and, Student Council Member, Julia Wright. Mr. Whitlock was elected as Class Advisor. During the year two new students, Josephine Barringer and Howard Houser, were added to the class. In the fall the class was entertained at a weiner roast. At Christmas, together with the Sophomores, they entertained the Juniors, Seniors, and Faculty with a Christmas party. In the spring the class enjoyed a trip to Brookfield Zoo.

Out of the original thirty-nine members, thirty six, along with four new ones, returned for their sophomore year. Class officers were: President, Betty Blackford; Vice-President, June Thompson; Secretary-Treasurer, Julia Wright; Student Council Members, Betty Mabry and Arnold Reynolds; Advisor, Miss Watkins.

Twenty-six members were enrolled for their Junior year in the fall of 1941. Tena Hayn quit during the year and Bob Hart moved to another school. They elected as their officers: President, June Thompson; Vice-President, Naomi Holt; Secretary-Treasurer, Vera Firebaugh; Student Council Members, Arnold Reynolds, Marvin Duncan and Charles Acton; Advisors, Mrs. Lindgren and Miss Wittenborn. In March, the class play, "Damsels in Distress" was presented. In May they gave a banquet for the Seniors. They made money during the year by selling candy.

Twenty-two Seniors returned for their fourth and final year. Soon after the year started, pictures were taken and rings ordered. Class officers for the year were as follows: President, Vera Firebaugh; Vice-President, Charles Acton; Secretary-Treasurer, Arnold Reynolds; Student Council Members, Marvin Duncan, Betty Blackford, Rex Carder, and Julia Wright; Advisors, Miss Parker and Miss Watkins.

SENIORS



First Row:

Vera Firebaugh, Arnold Reynolds, June Thompson,
Helena Freese.

Second Row:

Betty Blackford, Nancy Cessna, Rex Carder,
Mildred Anderson, Wayne Craig.

Third Row:

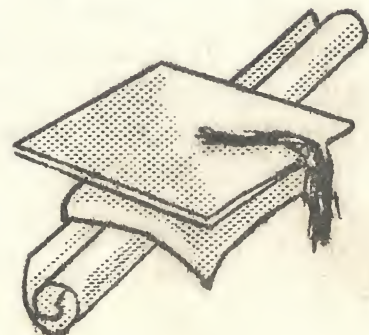
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ken, Betty Newnum.

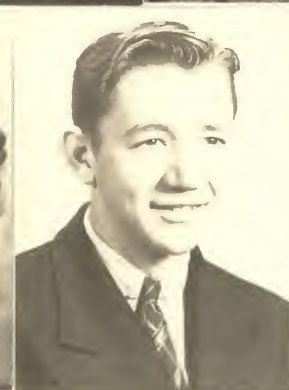
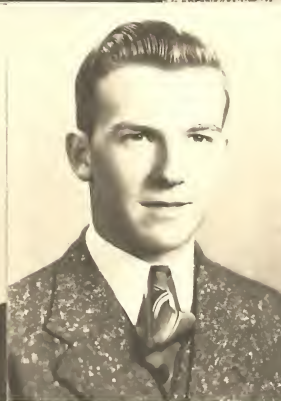
Fourth Row:

Marvin Duncan, Clark Morris,
Julia Wright, Charles Acton.

Last Row:

Kenneth Riggleman, Paul-
ine Mabry, Arvid Grider,
Marjorie Miller.





Senior Activities

William Hogue

Speech, 1,3; Glee Club, 1; Junior Play; F.F.A., 1,2,3,4; Baseball, 1,2,3,4; Basketball, 2,3,4; Annual, 4.

Marjorie Miller

Glee Club, 2,3,4; Home Ec. Club, 1,2,3,4; Annual, 4.

Pauline Mabry

Speech, 1,2,3; Annual, 4; Newspaper, 1,2,3; Home Ec. Club, 2,3,4; Valedictorian, 4.

Betty Roberts

Speech, 1; Home Ec. Club, 1,2; Glee Club, 3,4.

Julia Wright

Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; Annual, 4; Newspaper, 2,3,4; Home Ec. Club, 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader, 3; Student Council, 1,4.

Marvin Duncan

Glee Club, 1; Junior Play; Annual, 4; Newspaper, 4; F.F.A., 1,2,3,4; Basketball, 3,4; Baseball, 4; Student Council, 3,4.

Nancy Cessna

Speech, 1,2; Glee Club, 1,3,4; Home Ec. Club, 1,2,3,4.

Kenneth Riggleman

Baseball, 3,4; Glee Club, 4; F.F.A., 1,2,3,4.

June Thompson

Speech, 2,3,4; Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Band, 2; Junior Play; Newspaper, 1; Annual Editor, 4; Home Ec. Club, 1,2,3,4; Junior Class President.

Betty Blackford

Speech, 1,2,3,4; Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; Newspaper, 1,2,3,4; Home Ec. Club, 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader, 2,3; Valedictorian, 4; Sophomore Class President, Student Council President, 4; Pres. of Home Ec. Club, 3,4.

Helena Freese

Speech, 3; Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Home Ec. Club, 1,4.

Charles Acton

Glee Club, 1,2,3; Junior Play; Annual, 4; F.F.A., 1,2,3; Baseball, 1,2,3,4; Basketball, 1,2,3,4; Student Council, 3.

Naomi Holt

Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; Annual, 4; Newspaper, 1,4; Home Ec. Club, 2; Honor Group, 4.

Vera Firebaugh

Speech, 1,2,3; Glee Club, 1,2,3; Junior Play; Annual, 4; Home Ec. Club, 1,2,3; Honor Group, 4; Senior Class President.

Betty Newnum

Junior Play; Speech, 1,2; Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Annual, 4; Home Ec. Club, 1,2,3.

Mildred Anderson

Band, 1; Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Salutorian, 4.

Rex Carder

Annual, 4; F.F.A., 2,3,4; Student Council, 4.

Wayne Craig

Cheerleader, 3; F.F.A., 1; Basketball, 3; Glee Club, 1,2,3; Baseball, 2,3,4; Junior Play

John Sjoken

Basketball, 4; F.F.A., 2,3,4; Baseball, 4; Newspaper, 4.

Arvid Grider

Annual, 4; Student Council, 4.

Clark Morris

Junior Play; Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; F.F.A., 1,2,3,4; annual 4; Freshmen Class President; President of F.F.A., 4

Junior Reed

F.F.A., 2

Arnold Reynolds

Student Council, 2,3; Junior Play; Annual, 4; Glee Club, 1,2; Baseball, 3,4.

SOME REMINISCENCES

Not That It Matters, but here are some favorite books of the 1943 class from the Ghost Town of Armstrong. Some say It Can't Happen Here.

Charles Acton-----	<u>A Modest Proposal</u>
Mildred Anderson-----	<u>I Married Adventure</u>
Rex Carder-----	<u>Tales of Unrest</u>
Nancy Cessna-----	<u>Welcome, Soldier</u>
Betty Blackford-----	<u>Rings On Her Finger</u>
Wayne Craig-----	<u>Airships Past and Present</u>
Marvin Duncan-----	<u>Sky Pilot</u>
Helena Freese-----	<u>Remembrance of Things Past</u>
Vera Firebaugh-----	<u>We</u>
Arnold Reynolds-----	<u>We</u>
Arvid Grider-----	<u>Wonders of the Sea</u>
William Hogue-----	<u>The History of the Marines</u>
Naomi Holt-----	<u>Four Years in Paradise</u> (school)
Pauline Mabry-----	<u>Racing Start</u>
Marjorie Miller-----	<u>The Story of Simpson and Sampson</u>
Clark Morris-----	<u>Food For Fifty</u>
Betty Newnum-----	<u>Understood Betsy</u>
Junior Reed-----	<u>My Life in a Man Made Jungle</u>
Kenneth Riggelman-----	<u>Secret Son</u> (quiet nature)
Betty Roberts-----	<u>New Hope</u>
John Sjoiken-----	<u>Farmer John</u>
June Thompson-----	<u>Husbands Are Difficult</u>
Julia Wright-----	<u>The Promised Land</u> (S.Am.)

Class Song

When the Golden Sun is Melting

When the golden sun is melting
In the purple of the night,
There is promise of the morrow,
That it will be fair and bright.
So today we see the gleaming,
Thro' regrets that we must part,
Of the beauty of the future,
In the hopes that fill each heart.

We go forth with firm endeavor
And a purpose ever true,
And our motto is "Perfection
In what ever we may do."
But though lands or seas divide us,
We will ever cherish dear
Our beloved Alma Mater,
And her name we will revere.

Class colors: Red, white, and blue.

Class flower: Red rose.

Baccalaureate-----May 16, 1943

Commencement-----May 21, 1943

Senior gift to the school: Memorial
plaque of Armstrong graduates in service.

PROPHECY

I was looking through my records here in my office yesterday. To my enjoyment I found the names of some of my old classmates.

Between her home duties and her teaching of Home Economics, Betty Chesnut Blackford is hard put to keep up both lives.

Betty Newnum is a torch singer at the Aragon Club in Chicago. Out of friendship, the manager, Clark Morris, gives Betty ample pay checks.

Junior Reed and Charles Acton live on neighboring farms around Armstrong. Their wives gossip over the back fence. The Store-at-Your-Door man is none other than Kenneth Rigglesman.

Julia Wright is a dancing teacher in New York, if you can call this new fangled jitterbugging a dance. Her roommate is Marjorie Miller who is a John Powers Model. She was voted as 1953's "slinkiest" gal.

Pauline Mabry is a newspaper columnist, and according to her latest scoop we find that Betty Roberts passed her screen test soon after graduating. She was recommended through John Sjoken, the dynamic producer. They are trying to produce a film that will bring back memories of A. T. H. S. school days.

Arnold Reynolds and Vera Firebaugh not only are living a happy life together, but also run a roadside hamburger stand.

Rex Carder is now an admiral in the Navy.

According to the newspapers June Reynolds Thompson, the burlesque dancer, has just been granted a divorce from her husband. He couldn't stand her friends.

William Hogue has been decorated by the President of the United States for shooting down thirty-five Jap planes during his Army Air Corp career.

If these were days of knighthood, Naomi Holt would be dubbed a "Knight" for an act of bravery. She broke up a railroad gang planning sabotage.

Wayne Craig has taken Henry Kaiser's place as head of his ship building plant. Marvin Duncan has just turned in plans to Wayne for a special kind of ship.

Helena Freese, who is happily married, has a meeting every month of the WOWS. She is President of the organization.

Arvid Grider is the world's best deep sea diver. He beat the original record by fifty fathoms.

Nancy Cessna is the "Costello of 1953" and keeps her audience rolling in the aisles.

PROPHECY (CON'T)

I hope you all enjoyed hearing from your old friends. Here in Washington, my name isn't very prominent. Mildred Anderson doesn't make any more impression on them than it does upon you. Won't you keep me posted on all the rest of my friends?

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the dignified Senior Class of Many, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Three of the city of Armstrong, County of Vermilion, State of Illinois, being desirous of leaving some of our claims and possessions hereby declare out last will and testament.

Section I: Bequeathes to the Faculty

- Item I--To the faculty, our sincere thanks for the patience they have had with us throughout our four years.
- Item II--To Mr. Laurence we will more success with the Juniors, toward their "last long march."
- Item III--To "Lindy" we bequeathe the "roller-skating" talent of the Senior Class.
- Item IV--To Mr. Maxey we wish "Godspeed," every day of the year.
- Item V--To Miss Hemp we wish "smooth Sailing'."
- Item VI--To Miss Watkins we bequeathe the "comic" literature of certain students.
- Item VII--To Miss Parker we will our hopes of a better American History Class in the years to come.
- Item VIII--To Margaret we leave hopes of fewer hours in the study hall.
- Item IX--To Miss Gouty we bequeathe the "Ice-skating" ability of the Senior Class.

Section II: Bequeathes to Underclassmen

- Item I--The Senior Class do leave in trust to the Juniors the row of seats along the southwest wall of the assembly.
- Item II--To the Sophomore Class we bequeathe our "high" grades.
- Item III--To the Freshmen we will our many long hours of struggle through these four years.

Section III: Personal Bequeathes

- Item I--Kenneth Riggleman bequeathes his wavy hair to John Ellison.
- Item II--Betty Blackford wills her singing ability to Lois Knoll.
- Item III--Arnold Reynolds wills his "sixth" periods in the office to Gordon Cook.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT (CON'T)

- Item IV--Marjorie Miller leaves her knowledge of sheet metal work to Evelyn Ann Barr.
- Item V--John Sjoken bequeathes his "naps" in Economic Geography class to Gerald Alexander.
- Item VI--Nancy Cessna wills her interest in soldiers to Anita Fairchild.
- Item VII--Clark Morris wills his interest in the girls to Maurice Rubin.
- Item VIII--Arvid Grider bequeathes his work in Danville to Edwin Knoll.
- Item IX--Marvin Duncan wills his ability to get along with all of the girls to Lewis Roberts.
- Item X--Wayne Craig bequeathes his liking for foreign languages, "especially, French" to Byron Wise.
- Item XI--Charles Acton bequeathes his red hair to Ethel Wires.
- Item XII--Naomi Molt wills her (K)night's to the care of Avis Mabry.
- Item XIII--Rex Carder wills his interest in nature, especially, "millers" to Leonard Collins.
- Item XIV--Helena Freese bequeathes her knowledge of dancing to Gene Howell.
- Item XV--Junior Reed wills his interest in politics to Bob Owens.
- Item XVI--Milly Anderson bequeathes her desire to tease people to Charles Lynn.
- Item XVII--Julia Wright wills her liking of a certain "wise" person to Jackie French.
- Item XVIII--Bill Hogue bequeathes his interest in a certain country, especially "Spain" to Eldon Reynolds.
- Item XIX--Eddy Hewnum wills her Saturday night's misfortunes-, breaking "Specs" to Miss Watkins.
- Item XX--June Thompson bequeathes her interest in trips to Missouri to Bob Keal.
- Item XXI--Vera Firebaugh wills her technique to get along with one "certain" person for such a long time to Doris Taylor.
- Item XXII--Pauline Mabry wills her technique of getting "A's" to Levy Greer.
- Item XXIII--Betty Roberts wills her quiet disposition to Imogene Owens.



IN MEMORY

OF

CHESTER A. LINDGREN

He is not dead,
But sleeps, and soon he will arise and take
Me by the hand. I know he will ~~awake~~ wake
And smile on me as he did yesterday;
And he will have some gentle word to say,
Some kindly deed to do; for loving thought
Was warp and woof of which his life was
wrought.

He is not dead. Such souls forever live
In boundless measure of the love they give.





CLASSES



CLASS 2

JUNIOR HISTORY

In the fall of 1940, forty-five Freshmen began their school days. Their first meeting was held to elect class officers. Those elected were: President, Sally Welles; Vice-President, Leonard Collins; Secretary-Treasurer, Everett Heckerson; Student Council Member, James Duncan. The Freshmen helped the Sophomores give the Christmas party. They took a trip to Brookfield Zoo at Chicago and enjoyed the trip very much.

Thirty-nine of the Freshmen class of 1939 came back to spend another term at the Armstrong High School. The class elected the following officers: President, Ruth Dukes; Vice-President, Oka Morris; Secretary-Treasurer, Margie Olson; Student Council Members, Sally Wells and Eldon Reynolds. A skating party was held at Muncie in the fall. They helped to give the Christmas party again this year.

Forty-two students enrolled as Juniors. Officers elected for this class are; President, Oka Morris, Vice-President, Bob Owens; Secretary, Sally Welles Treasurer Gerald Alexander; Student Council Members, Ruth Dukes Leonard Collins, and Hollis Abbott. The Advisors were: Mrs. Lindgren to coach the Junior play "Johnny, Get Your Girl," which was presented November 21. Miss Hemp to aid with the banquet with which they entertained the Seniors. During the year they made a great deal of money from their candy sales.

Junior Class

First row: Mrs. Lindgren, Madeline Martin, Ruth Parsons, Lillian Holt, Dorothy Staley, Margie Olson, Montez Nelson, Ethel Wires, Avis Mabry, Miss Hemp.

Second Row: Betty McGuire, Ruth Davis, Gene Ludwig, Robert Keal, Glen Reynolds, Everett Heckerson, Lewis Roberts, Allan Cribben, Eldon Reynolds, Lorene Watson.

Third row: Ellen Ackerman, Bernice Frerichs, Anna Ackerman, Oka Morris, Leola Donaldson, Marie Bruns, Sarah Welles, Viola Duitsman, Ruth Dukes, Edith Costley.

Fourth row: Hollis Abbott, Gerald Alexander, Kenneth Corkly, Rudy Stites, Don Burnison, Maurice Rubin, Donald Roisland, Gordon Cook, Robert Owens, Leonard Collins.

Junior Officers

Right to left: President, Oka Morris; Vice-President, Robert Owens; Secretary, Gerald Alexander; Treasurer, Sarah Welles.

Junior Play

First row: Holt L., Welles S., Keal R., Davis R.

Second row: Mrs. Lindgren, Martin M., Rubin, M., Donaldson L., Owens R., Bruns M., Alexander G.



THE JUNIOR PLAY

The annual Junior Class play, this year entitled, "Johnny, Get Your Girl," was presented on November 21.

The play was chosen and directed by Mrs. Lindgren. The cast was as follows:

Polly Chafford Marie Bruns
Charlie's Niece

Adelaide Chafford . . Sarah Welles
Polly's Mother

Inabeth Easely . . Madeline Martin
Cousin of Charlie

Gertrude Northrup . . . Ruth Davis
Charlie's Sister

Birdie Blotz . . . Leola Donaldson
The Hired Girl

Hokey Polk Bob Owens
Lucius Larabie . . . Maurice Rubin
Polly's Sweethearts

John Goodman . . . Gerald Alexander
Son of Charlie's Sweetheart

Charlie Chafford . . . Bob Keal
Rich Uncle

JOHNNY, GET YOUR GIRL

Charles Chafford, a rich old bachelor, finds that he has but six months to live. Upon hearing this, his sister-in-law Adelaide, his cousins, Gertrude and Inabeth come to look after him in hopes of getting his fortune. His niece, Polly also arrives, but only in the hope of being some real assistance to him. Hokey Polk and Lucius Larabie are wooers of Polly.

John Goodman, son of Charlie's old sweetheart, and formerly one of Polly's sweethearts comes to stay with Polly. Hokey and Lucius plan a series of tricks to play on each other, but Charlie is the "goat" in each of these instances.

Johnny finds that Charlie plans to leave most of his money to him instead of his closest of kin, Polly. Fearing that Polly will resent this and desiring to win her affections, he sets out to make Charlie dislike him so much that he will refuse to leave him a penny. John pulls a "heap big Injun act," pretends to go mad, and makes Charlie think he cooked his dog into a stew.

In the midst of all this, Charlie finds that the doctor's diagnosis was wrong and that he will live. He promptly chases everyone but Polly and Johnny off. By this time Johnny has won Polly's hand and Charlie's respect, and as the curtain falls all are content.

SOPHOMORE HISTORY

In the fall of 1941 a small class of twenty-five freshmen entered Armstrong High School.

The class officers elected were: President, John Ellison; Vice-president, Anita Fairchild; Secretary-treasurer, Alice Duncan; Student Council member, Gordon Edgington. Mr. Maxey was elected as class advisor.

During the fall a skating party was held at Muncie. Each member asked someone else to go from another class. The annual Christmas party was given by the freshmen and sophomores. A trip to Chicago was planned but due to tire rationing they did not get to go.

As sophomores, the class had twenty members. They elected as officers the following: President, Doris Taylor; Vice-president, Jacqueline French; Secretary, Anita Fairchild; Treasurer, Alice Duncan; Student Council members, Richard Wright and Michael Fleming. They chose Mr. Zimmerman for class advisor but after he left for the navy, Mr. Laurence was chosen to take his place. The sophomores, helped by the freshmen, put on the annual Christmas party.

FRESHMEN HISTORY

Enrolled in the freshmen class of 1943 were thirty-one members.

Class officers were: President, Gene Howell; Vice-president, Lois Meitzler; Secretary, Aline Gribbins; Treasurer, Byron Wise; Student Council member, Peggy Meitzler, Advisor, Mr. Maxey.

Sophomores

First row: Doris Taylor, Guelda Hogue, Wilma Shores, Anita Fairchild, Alice Duncan, Jackie French, Mr. Laurence.

Second row: Pauline Watson, Jean Cessna, Walter Boys, Gordon Millis, Louise Bunting, Rosalind Moffett.

Third row: Paul Knight, Quentin Rigglesman, Richard Wright, Glen Foster, Walter Hess, John Ellison, Walter Parrish.

Freshmen Officers

Left to right: President, Gene Howell; Secretary, Aline Gribbins; Vice-president, Lois Meitzler; Treasurer, Byron Wise.

Sophomore Officers

Left to right: President, Doris Taylor; Treasurer, Alice Duncan; Secretary, Anita Fairchild; Vice-president, Jacqueline French.

Freshmen

First row: La Vonne Smith, Aline Gribbons, Florence Shaffer, Mary Elizabeth Butts, Don Creighton, Donald Curtis, Robert Davis, Marylou James, Helen Holt, Mr. Maxey.

Second row: Evelyn Ann Barr, Norma Plotner, Lois Meitzler, Ruth Rose, Mildred Collins, Ruby Booher, Pauline Abbott, Barbara Burnison, Beth Lynn, Peggy Meitzler, Imogene Owens.

Third row: Byron Wise, Edwin Knoll, John Bickers, Marlou James, Edward Davis, James Grider, Forrest Purdue, Gene Howell, Hardin James, Billy White.



Imagine Ours



ACTIVITIES

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Professor Fussbutton Edward Davis
 President of Barton College
 Samanthia Highnote Betty Newnum
 Dean of Women
 Mary Allen Betty Blackford
 Her Secretary
 Anastasius Longword Gene Howell
 Dean of Men
 John Warren Paul Knight
 His Secretary
 Washington Leola Donaldson
 Colored Handyman
 Jean Ruth Dukes
 Jane June Thompson
 June Sally Welles
 Joyce Julia Wright
 Janet Ruth Davis
 Joan Naomi Holt
 Students--Members of the Girls' Sextette
 Jerry Clark Morris
 Cheer Leader
 Jack Richard Wright
 Jerry's Assistant
 Jim Mickey Fleming
 Jerry's Assistant
 Members of Boys' Trio
 Baton Twirler Pauline Watson
 Faculty and Trustees
 Nancy Cessna, Betty Roberts, Viola Duitsman, Bernice Frerichs, Donavon Creighton.
 Students of Barton College
 Ethel Wires, Ruby Booher, Jean Cessna, Alice Duncan, Jackie French, Guelda Hogue, Helen Holt, Mary Lou James, Betty McGuire, Marjorie Miller, Rosalind Moffett, Montez Nelson, Margie Olson, Norma Plotner, Wilma Shores, Dorothy Staley, Anna Ackerman, Ellen Ackerman, Edith Costley, Anita Fairchild, Helena Freese, Evelyn Barr, Mary Butts, Marie Bruns, Mildred Collins, Aline Gribbins, Beth Lynn, Ruth Rose, Florence Shaffer, Donald Curtis, Robert Davis, Walter Parrish, Everett Heckerson, Marlow James, Hardin James, Walter Hess, John Bickers.
 Stage Manager Kenneth Riggleman

WORDS and MUSIC

Act I

Barton College, a small school for select young ladies and gentlemen, was thick in tradition and had a professorial staff more classical than modern in its tendencies.

The annual presentation of an operetta, written by the head of the dramatic art department, was one of Barton's traditions; but that year a calamity threatened, for the present head of the department was confined to her bed with a severe case of measles. This was Barton's predicament as the curtain rose.

Following President Fussbutton's announcement of the pending disaster, a ray of hope came to dispel the gloom when two of Barton's most sedate professors offered to collaborate on a show. Anastasius Longword, dean of men and head of the English department, was to write the story and lyrics, although his literary tastes were as Elizabethan as the Elizabethans themselves. Samantha Highnote, dean of women and head of the music department, was to write the music. She was acquainted with no composer more modern than Beethoven; but nothing daunting, she looked forward to setting Dean Longword's lyrics to music.

A mutual admiration, dating to their first meeting many years ago in Venice and since carried on at a distance, inspired the two deans to their best creative endeavors. However, Dean Longword discovered that the ponderous quality of his blank verse was not the stuff that operettas were made of. At the suggestion of John Warren, his secretary, the dean sketched a slight plot, and John sent it to a "friend in New York," who agreed in strictest confidence to supply the modernism. Thus the dean hoped to hold and perhaps to increase Samantha's regard for him. The curtain descended on Act I as John and the dean decided that measles or no measles, "things were going to happen!"

Act II

Similarly, Dean Highnote was assailed by the certainty of her inadequacy to produce a modern score and so confided in her secretary, Mary Allen. Mary, who was fond of and in turn much admired by John Warren, offered to send the libretto to a "friend in New York" who would write the modern music.

John and Mary had talked the whole thing over and enjoyed many a laugh over their intrigue. And so it happened that the "young man" in New York was a bit slow in returning the finished libretto; thus a humorous situation arose which forced the jittery Longword to pass the manuscript to the frantic Highnote, who, also without a

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chance to read the work, was forced to mail it to the "friend in New York."

Soon the completed operetta was returned. John and Mary, having the script, held it until the last possible moment so that neither Longword nor Highnote had an opportunity to see it before the trustees and faculty met to hear the work.

The trying moment arrived. The atmosphere was tense. President Fussbutton suggested that the lines be read by Longword and Highnote, who pretended with all their might that they knew the whole thing by heart. A girls' quartet and a boys' trio assisted by singing a few of the numbers. As the long-faced trustees and faculty looked on, the fireworks began.

The "hotsy-totsy" opening chorus was packed with slang. The amazed trustees and faculty sat on the edge of their chairs. The boys and girls were elated. The president expressed his astonishment in a high-pitched voice. Midst the tumult John and Mary stepped forward and confessed their part in the plot to relieve their deans of what was, to their classical minds, an impossible task.

The decision of President Fussbutton and the committee brought the show to a happy ending. John and Mary were pleased with the success of their efforts, and Anastasius said the words for which Samanthia had waited "since 1894."

Glee Club

First row--left to right:

Cribbons A., Shaffer F., French J., Staley D.,
Curtis D., Creighton D., Davis R., Butts M.,
Thompson J., Olson M., Holt H., James M.

Second row: Mrs. Lindgren, Barr E., Black-
ford B., Wright J., Ackerman A., Bickers J.,
Morris C., James H., Dukes R., Miller M., Dun-
can A., Nelson M.

Third row: Holt N., Watson P., Roberts B.,
Cessna J., McGuire B., Parrish W., Knight P.,
Heckerson E., Davis R., Freese H., Wires E.,
Plotner N.

Last row: Newnum B., Moffet R., Booher R.,
Abbott P., Bruns M., James M., Wright R.,
Hess W., Donaldson L., Welles S., Collins M.,
Fairchild A.

Operetta Cast

First row--left to right:

Mrs. Lindgren, Howell E., Blackford B., Davis
E., Donaldson L., Newnum B., Knight P.

Second row: Thompson J., Holt H., Davis R.,
James H., Wright R., Morris C., Welles S.,
Dukes R., Wright J.

Band

First row: Mrs. Lindgren Bickers J., Wires E.,
Watson L., Watson P., Holt L., James M.

Second row: Smith L., James H., Abbott P.,
Heckerson E., James M., Knoll E., Criblez A.,
Creighton D.

Third row: Holt H., Duncan A., Dukes R.,
Hess W., Fairchild A., Howell E., Bruns M.



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SPEECH

Armstrong has had speech only recently. Speech helps to give students poise and practice in speaking before the public. It helps enunciation and the quality of voice.

This year the local contest was held March 17.
Contestants were;

Oration

Viola Duitsman..... Remember Pearl Harbor

Serious

Ruby Booher..... The Key to Jim's Heart
Norma Plotner..... Benefits Forgot
Ruth Dukes..... The Little Foxes

Humorous

Edwin Knoll..... The Celebrated Jumping Frog
Lois Knoll..... Lady Windemere's Fan
June Thompson..... George Washington Slept Here

Verse

Betty Blackford..... Patterns

Winners are underlined. Mrs. Bishop, Danville, Illinois was the judge.

The Sectional Contest was held at Georgetown, Saturday, March 27.

Ruth Dukes won first place in Class B. Betty Blackford and June Thompson won first place in Verse and Humorous Readings in Class B. Betty and June also won in the whole event. They were eligible to go to the State Contest. The Judge was Miss Henderson from the University of Illinois.

The Mixers and Rippers

What matter, now, if one's bereft
Of ample sugar bin?
There soon will be no coffee left
To put the sugar in.

Club Officers:

President, Betty Blackford
Vice-President, Sally Welles
Secretary, Julia Wright
Treasurer, June Thompson
Publicity Chairman, Oka Morris
Program Chairman, Ruth Dukes

The Mixers and Rippers is an organization for girls enrolled in, or interested in Homemaking work. These girls have a business meeting once a month where they appoint new committees and discuss any business that might arise.

They also have a social meeting once a month when girls of the club give lectures on different ways in which students can help win the war. Pot-luck suppers and luncheons are held, games played, and group singing is enjoyed.

The main theme of the year is Victory. They had a silk hose drive, tin can drive, and placed Victory posters around the school to help encourage the sale of bonds and stamps.

The activities of the year were a Mother's Tea, which was held November 4, and a Christmas party at which the girls had a gift exchange.

In order to make money, the girls sold chocolate milk, pop and weiners at the ball games, Christmas wreaths, and yarn dolls.

Paper Staff

First row: Miss Gouty, Marvin Duncan, Naomi Holt, Betty Blackford, Julia Wright, Ruth Parsons.

Second row: Margie Olson, Oka Morris, Marie Bruns, Donald Roisland, Gerald Alexander, Lorene Watson, Ruth Dukes, Alan Criblez.

Speech

First row: Helena Freese, June Thompson, William Hogue, Betty Blackford, Miss Parker

Second row: Norma Plotner, Ruby Booher, Viola Duitsman, Ruth Dukes, Margie Olson.

Home Economics Club

First row: Mary Lou James, Helen Holt, Oka Morris, Sarah Welles, Betty Blackford, Julia Wright, June Thompson, Ruth Dukes, Miss Hemp.

Second row: Florence Shaffer, Peggy Meitzler, Doris Taylor, Evelyn Ann Barr, Norma Plotner, Marjorie Miller, Mary Butts, Margie Olson, Aline Gribbins, Imogene Owens.

Third row: Pauline Parrish, Lois Meitzler, Guelda Hogue, Beth Lynn, Rosalind Moffet, Helena Freese, Montez Nelson, Alice Duncan, Pauline Mabry.

Fourth row: Jean Cessna, Ruth Rose, Wilma Shores, Ruby Booher, Marie Bruns, Pauline Abbott, Barbara Burnison, Nancy Cessna, Mildred Collins, Louise Bunting.



HONOR GROUP

In order to be included in the Honor Group it is necessary for a student to have had an average of 3.75 and above for seven semesters.

Due to a tie this year we had two valedictorians from the senior class. They were Betty Blackford and Pauline Mabry. Both girls had an average of 4.36. Mildred Anderson with an average of 4.83, Vera Firebaugh and Naomi Holt with averages of 4.68 were the other three members of the Honor Group.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council is an organization composed of 1 Freshman, 2 Sophomores, 3 Juniors, and 4 Seniors. The students are elected by their respective classmates. The purpose of this organization is to govern the student body, and many of the important decisions are brought before this group. They also manage all-schools affairs, assemblies, collections, elections, etc.

Some of the activities this year were the Freshman Weiner Roast, School Picnic, participation in the Jalopy Parade, a Bond and Stamp-Selling Contest with Potomac, letters to soldiers and managing the purchase of Mr. Lawrence's gift.

The Freshman member this year was Peggy Meiteler, Sophomore members were Dick Wright and Mickey Fleming, and the Junior members were Ruth Dukes, Hollis Abbott, and Leonard Collins. The Senior members were Julia Wright, Betty Blackford, Marvin Duncan, and Rex Carder. Rex Carder graduated at the end of the first semester and Arvid Grider was elected to take his place. The President of the organization was Betty Blackford and the Secretary-Treasurer, Ruth Dukes.

Student Council

First row: Wright J., Duncan M., Blackford B., Grider A., Mr. Laurence.

Second row: Meitzler P., Wright R., Collins L., Abbott H., Dukes R.

Honor Students

Betty Blackford, Pauline Mabry, Vera Firebaugh, Naomi Holt.

Annual Staff

First Row: Reynolds A., Miss Parker, Duncan M., Thompson J., Firebaugh V., Miss Watkins, Hogue W.

Second Row: Wright J., Morris C., Holt N., Acton C., Newnum B., Grider A., Mabry P., Miller M.





ATHLETICS

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR ATHLETES

As the year draws to a close we think with pride of those athletes who have served A.T.H.S. They are small in number but mighty in achievement.

Charles Acton, tall, who with his red hair justly earns his nickname, is, and has been a letter winner in basket ball and baseball. He has pitched on the baseball nine the last two years and played varsity basketball this year. Upon graduating he expects to be drafted into the armed forces.

John Sjoken, who graduated at semesters also was a letter winner in both sports during his senior year.

Wayne Craig, who is now in the Army Air Corps is also a baseball letter winner. Wayne graduated at semesters and just recently enlisted.

Kenneth Rigglesman, who played center field on the first nine last fall, also is one of the honored. Kenny is unable to be out this spring, as he is taking a sheet metal course every afternoon.

Bill Hogue was unable to come out for athletics the first semester, but he played basketball the second, and now he is out there plugging for a baseball letter also.

Marvin Duncan, who was on both the basketball and baseball squads, will also be one that we shall be sorry to see go.

Arnold Reynolds, although he did not go out for basketball, stands a good chance of being a letter winner in baseball. Arnold is leaving a brother to carry on the good work.

BASKETBALL

Armstrong High School's basketball team had a fine season record, finishing fourth in the Vermilion County Conference, with a record of eight victories and five defeats. A first place trophy was added to the school's collection after the Potomac Tournament. This is the third time Armstrong High School has won this tournament in its five year history.

Nov. 13	Armstrong	21	East Lynn	36
" 17	"	25	Potomac	24
" 20	"	16	Rankin	23
" 24	"	27	Rossville	41
Dec. 4	"	27	Georgetown	21

Potomac Tournament

Dec. 10	Armstrong	25	Henning	20
" 11	"	34	Potomac	27
" 15	"	28	Oakwood	18

Christmas Tournament

Dec. 28	Armstrong	23	Rankin	30
Jan. 5	"	22	Westville	21
" 15	"	46	Oakwood	39

County Tournament

Jan. 18	Armstrong	20	Hoopeston	39
" 29	"	31	Potomac	30
Feb. 5	"	41	Henning	29
" 16	"	35	Ogden	37
" 19	"	39	Rankin	31
" 26	"	22	Bismarck	27

Regional Tournament

March 2	Armstrong	23	Hoopeston	37
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Armstrong's Baseball team finished third in the N.V.A.L. with four victories and two defeats.

Scores of Games

Armstrong	16	Potomac	3
"	9	Henning	4
"	7	Rankin	8
"	15	Alvin	4
"	0	Bismarck	8
"	13	East Lynn	9

Batting Averages

	At Bat	Hits	Pct.
Sjoken	22	8	.364
Acton	21	6	.286
Owens	22	7	.318
Alexander	22	10	.455
Riggleman	21	9	.429
Reynolds	13	5	.385
Burnison	19	3	.158
Rubin	15	3	.200
Ludwig	13	3	.231
Craig	5	1	.200
Ellison	2	1	.500
Duncan	3	0	.000
Corbly	2	0	.000

Baseball

First row: John Ellison, Don Burnison, Robert Owens, Gerald Alexander, Charles Acton, Maurice Rubin, James Grider, Mr. Maxey.

Second row: Kenneth Corbly, Walter Hess, Arnold Reynolds, Kenneth Rigglesman, Gene Ludwig, Marvin Duncan, William Hogue, Hollis Abbott, Donald Roisland.

Cheerleaders

Anita Fairchild, Jacqueline French, Wilma Shores.

Basketball

First row: William Hogue, Maurice Rubin, Leonard Collins, Charles Acton, Gerald Alexander, Don Burnison, Mr. Maxey.

Second row: James Grider, John Ellison, Donald Roisland, Robert Owens, Marvin Duncan, Hollis Abbott, Kenneth Corbly, Walter Hess, Byron Wise.



AUTOGRAPHS

Imogene Owens
"The girl next to you"
in English

Barclay Moffatt
A.T.H.S.
"45"

Robert Miles
Edwin Small
"46"
A.T.H.S.

Edwin Olson
A.T.H.S.

Bob Davis
"46"

Jackie Lunch
"45"

Quentin Ruggles
"43"

John Ellison
"45"

James Sinden
"46"

Rayner
Mentzer
"46"

Loid Mentzer
"46"

Walter Bliss
"45"
Remember Wed. night

Don Bairland
"44"?

Walter Ray
Lordon Willis

Dwain Stutz

Don Don Creighton
(and how)

Byron Wise
"46"

Clarence Buaboom
A.T.H.S.
"46"

Barbara J. Barnison
A.T.H.S.
"46"

La Vonne Smith

1. NYA Group
 - A. Grider
 - M. Miller
 - B. Roberts
 - N. Cessna
 - K. Riggleman
2. Miss Hemp
 - Margaret Boyle
3. "Our Gang"
 - B. Blackford
 - M. Miller
 - J. Wright
 - J. Thompson
4. C. Acton
 - B. Hogue
5. Twins
 - A. Ackerman
 - M. James
 - M. James
 - E. Ackerman
6. L. Roberts
 - P. Knight
 - G. Howell
7. Jalopy
 - J. Wright
 - V. Firebaugh
 - P. Mabry
 - J. Reed
 - Miss Parker
 - N. Holt
 - A. Grider
8. "Lindy"
9. Jalopy
 - N. Holt
 - J. Reed
 - R. Dukes
 - C. Acton
 - A. Grider
10. Oh! Oh!
 - R. Davis
 - J. Reed
11. Proud!
 - Mr. Laurence
12. Miss Hemp
13. "Arv" Thomas
14. Bus Drivers
 - C. Creighton
 - C. Wynn
 - O. Watson
 - K. Moffett
15. Miss Parker
16. Juniors
17. Three Musketeers
 - N. Holt
 - B. Newnum
 - V. Firebaugh
18. M. Martin
 - B. McGuire
19. P. Mabry
20. L. Meitzler
 - L. Watson
21. Mr. Zimmerman
22. Robert Miles
23. Sophomores
24. Mr. Maxey
25. A. Reynolds
 - C. Morris
26. E. Heckerson
 - G. Howell
 - M. Fleming
27. Helena Freese



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L. A. Tuggle Danville, Illinois	<hr/> John Sjoken: "Did you hear about the fellow who stayed up all night trying to find out where the sun went when it went down?" Bill Hogue: "No, what happened?" John: "It finally dawned on him."	EVERETT SMITH hardware ARMSTRONG, ILLINOIS
HOWARD MARTIN TIRE COMPANY, INC. DANVILLE, ILLINOIS		GOODWINE STATE BANK Potomac, Illinois
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Mr. Laurence: "Frequent water drinking will prevent you getting stiff in the joints."
Gordon C.: "Yes, Prof, But some of the joints don't serve water."

Son: "What is college bred?"
Pop: "My boy, they make college bred from the flour of youth and the dough of old age."

Johnny Sjoken: "Did you hear about the fellow who stayed up all night trying to find out where the sun went when it went down?"

Bill Hogue: "No, what happened?"
Johnny Sjoken: "It finally dawned on him!"

Landlord (to prospective tenant):
"You know we keep it very quiet and orderly. Do you have any children?"

P.T.: "No."

Landlord: "A piano, radio, or victrola?"

P.T.: "No."

Landlord: "Do you play any musical instruments? Do you have a dog, cat or parrot?"

P.T.: "No, but my fountain pen scratches a little sometimes."

When Henry J. Kaiser arrived in Washington he was late for his appointment with the newspapermen.

"What happened?" the reporters asked the man who had broken all ship-building speed records.

"I had to wait for a taxi," explained Kaiser. "I had to wait 30 minutes for a taxi!"

"Thirty minutes?" a lone newspaperman suggested. "Why didn't you build one?"

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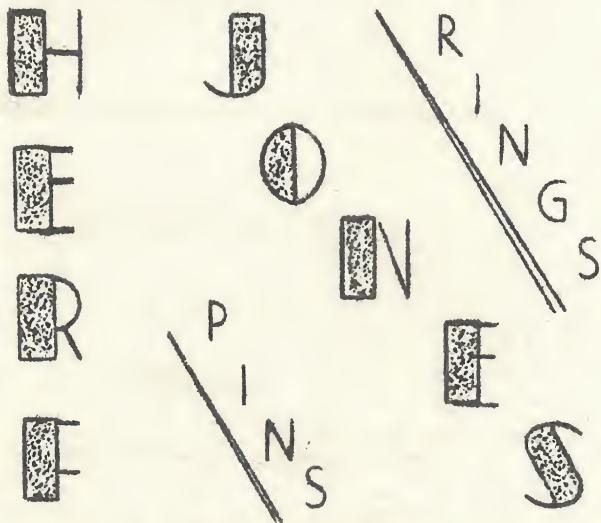
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Byron: "Has Clark changed much"?
Gordon: "He thinks so."
Byron: "How so"?
Gordon: "He's always talking about what a fool he used to be."

Mickey F.: "Mother, did you buy me from t he stork?"
Mother: "Yes, dear, why do you ask?"
Mickey: " I've often wondered why you didn't pay a few more dollars and pick out a bab y without freckles"

"Yes," said Maurice R., "I have the greatest admiration for women. But I wouldn't marry one of them--not me!"
"I see," said Anita sweetly, "you not only admire women, but you have a sincere regard for their welfare."



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Mrs. Laurence: (to clerk) "Have you any rolling pins shaped like boomerangs so they'll come back to me?"

A visitor at the capitol was accompanied by his small son. The little boy watched from the gallery when the house came to order. "Why did the minister pray for all those men, Pop?" "He didn't. He looked them over and prayed for the country."

Nancy Cessna: "What if I do go out with a different soldier every night. You can't expect one soldier to get all the furloughs."

Marie Bruns: "Do you have hyacinth bulbs?"

Clerk: "No, just Mazda and General Electric."

Captain: "Why didn't you salute me yesterday?"

Private: "I didn't see you, sir."

Captain: "Good, I was afraid you were mad at me."

Here are a few suggested theme songs for the medical profession:

"Yes, Sir, Asthma Baby"

"Symptoms I'm Happy"

"On a Bifocal Built for Two"

"Liver, Stay Way from My Door"

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